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I just want to add my voice to those that think the current government settlement with Microsoft is inadequate to address the situation. A break-up of the company is the only way to bring a measure of competition back into the market, and the only way to ensure that other companies have a fair opportunity to innovate and dream up more advanced solutions. The fact that no company would dare introduce a new operating system, but even a new spreadsheet or word processor, because it would be a foolhardy endeavour, is evidence that the situation needs to be changed. Beyond the business implications, the pace of technological innovation has completely stalled due to Microsoft's dominance. I use a Macintosh at home and the office, but even here I MUST use Microsoft software for basic business applications, because there simply IS NO OTHER CHOICE. Until the company is broken into smaller units, this will remain the case.

Sincerely yours,

--Larry Groebe